**Central assistance for the Teesta Barrage Project in West Bengal**

2555. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the West Bengal Government has asked for special Central assistance for the Teesta Barrage Project for the years 1984-85 and 1985-86 to the tune of Rs. 19.50 crores and Rs. 18.00 crores respectively; and

(b) if so, what deci ion has been taken by the Central Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARA-NAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Irrigation projects are required to be funded by the State Governments from their Plan resources inclusive of the general Central assistance which is given to the State Plan as a whole and which i's not tied to any particular sector of development or project.

**Method of testing food samples fo$_r$ pesticides residues**

2556. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no guidelines have been issued by Government on the method of testing food samples for pesticide residues and that the State food testing laboratories attached to the De partments fo Prevention of Food Adulteration do not have sophisticated instruments required to determine the percentage of pu'sticide residues in food samples; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore and how such tests are being carried out and steps being taken by Government to improve the working of food testing laboratories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and

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(b) The methods of testing of food samples for analysis of pesticides are available in the Standard books on Food Analysis. A manual on analytical methods of pesticides in food has also been compiled and the same has been circulated to some of the food laboratories. The State Governments have been advhed to get their Analysts trained in analysis of pesticides. Sophisticated equipments Kke Gas Liquid Chromatography are also supplied to the Food Laboratories by Govt, of India out of W.H.O. funds.

**Treatment of children born after the Bhopal gas tragedy**

2557. SHRI H. L. KAPUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to.$_s$tate what steps have been taken to render medical assistance to those children who have been born maimed after the Bhopal gas tragedy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): A specific study has been initiated under Indian Council of Medical Research to monitor the growth and development of newborns in MIC-affected areas and to suggest the possible interventions. Thi$_s$ *h* in addition to treatment for specific ailments which i's provided through the network of health institutions in and around Bhopal.

**Talks between India and Bangladesh on sharing of Ganga waters**

2558. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV:

PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER b$_e$ pleased to stale:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minis ter's special envoy, Shri P. Shiv Shankar discussed the sharing and augmentation of Ganga waters during his recent visit to Bangladesh;

(b) if so, what are th$_e$ broad outlines of the proposal, if any, given by the Bangladesh Government; and